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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2004, applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group II (claims 48-54, 57, 60, 62-67, 69-72, 75 and 76) in this application.

However, applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement since the subject matter of claims 1, 48-54, 57, 60, 62-67, 69-72, 75 and 76 are sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the elected claims would necessarily encompass a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is clearly stated that "[i]f the

search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits." It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to applicants and improper duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call Applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

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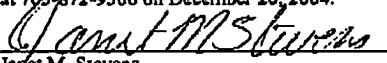
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